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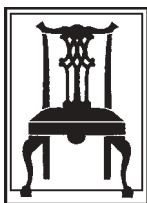
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Mattapoisett Schools Advance To Destination

The Old Hammondtown and Center Schools of Mattapoisett have made a lasting impression on the judges and officials of the Massachusetts Open Minds (MAOM) Program, locally affiliated with "Destination ImagiNation (DI)." Formerly known as "Odyssey of the Mind," DI is a global organization promoting "creative problem-solving skills using a teamwork approach." Teams of up to seven members choose a problem to solve, then work on a presentation showcasing their solution to an audience and judges at regional, state and global



Above: Fourth year Latin students Brad Siscoe, Richard Marx and Matt Medas (l. to r.) share their language with Ms. Silva's sixth grade at Sippican School. ORR High School students visited sixth grade classes throughout the district recently to help elementary students decide which language they'd like to pursue. (Photo courtesy of Kathy Marx).

On the cover: "The StranDId 7 from OHS" in Mattapoisett include (l. to r.) Matt King, Gary Maestas, Lily Murolo, Anna VanVoorhis, Dodie Fontaine, Brianna Mello, and Ethan Akins. The group will be going on to the State Finals at WPI in Worcester, MA this Saturday, March 23 as part of the Massachusetts Open Minds (MAOM) Program. (Photo courtesy of Jay Mello).



Above Right: Ken and Melody Pacheco of Mattapoisett recently took a cruise to the Bahamas aboard the Discovery Sun and remembered to bring a copy of *The Wanderer* along with them, which they posed with here. This "Wandering Wanderer" submission earned them an official Wanderer coffee mug for their efforts. (Photo courtesy of Ken Pacheco).

Above Left: Dance Prism's production of *A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland*, a touring ballet company that has performed throughout New England, will be presented at Tabor Academy in Marion on Sunday, March 24 at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$16 for adults, and \$10 for children and seniors. To order, call Dance Prism's box office at 978-371-1038 or www.danceprism.com.

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tournaments.

Mattapoisett sent six teams to the Regional Competition at Carver High School in Carver, MA on Saturday, March 16. Two teams from Center School (K-3) and four teams from Old Hammondtown School (4-6) took on the demanding challenge of DI. All six teams made exceptional presentations for different specific problems at different age levels. The creativity and quality made everyone involved so very proud to be associated with these wonderful minds. The emotions are contagious and the pride infectious. To be called Mom, Dad, Sister, Brother, Coach, Teacher, Principal, Superintendent, or Friend of these dedicated students is truly an honor. Starting in the fall of 2001, working three days per week or more, in addition to other academic and extracurricular commitments, is what it takes to be a member of a DI team, proving the commitment is tremendous.

Yes, these children are "special"! They are learning skills not available in the current classroom structure. The rules are very strict and specific. With a rulebook the thickness of the New Bedford Area Phone Book, managers, coaches, parents and teachers are forbidden from assisting the team in the solution to the problem or the quality of their performance. Penalty points are assessed, oaths are made, pledges are recited, and documents are signed. These students are learning lessons beyond measure to prepare them for the world they will eventually shape and create. They are our future and everyone

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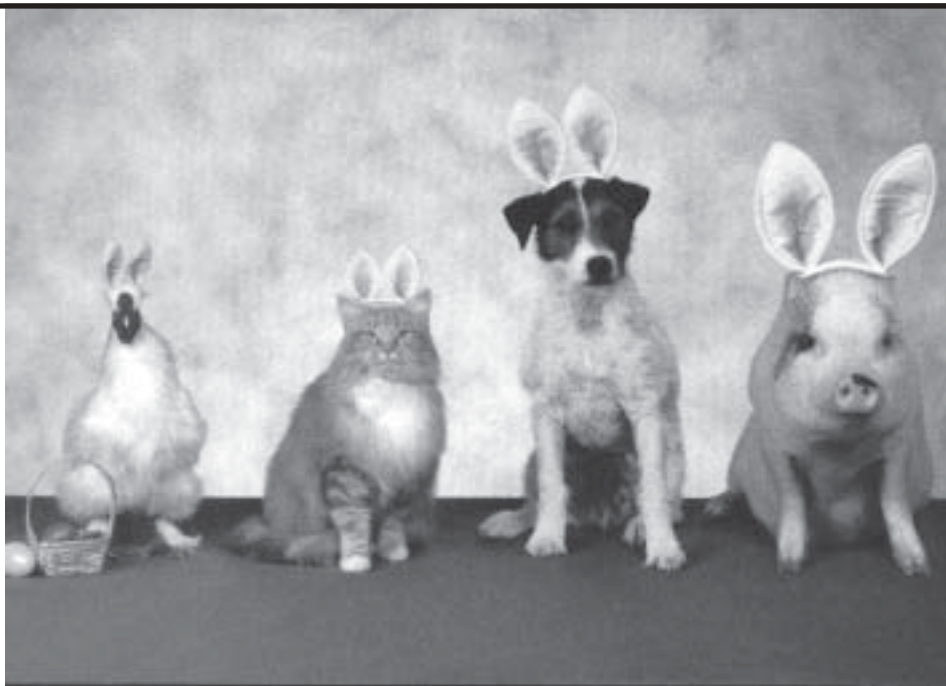
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA will be the site of the State Tournament this year. One team will have the distinct honor to advance to that level of competition this weekend on Saturday, March 24, 2002. The team of **Ethan Akins, Matt King, Gary Maestas, Brianna Mello, Lily Murolo, Anna VanVoorhis, and Dodie Fontaine**, collectively known as "The StranDId 7 from OHS," will advance as Mattapoissett's representative at this year's State Tournament. They earned this invitation by finishing second in a 22-team field of elementary level (EL) entries. Also making an excellent showing in Carver this past Saturday by achieving an unprecedented three-way tie for third place was the team

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The MAOM philosophy is simply stated: "The trip getting there is more important than the ultimate destination." To see the sportsmanship, a critical and essential quality seemingly being eroded in competitive venues today, present at these tournaments is a dividend too great to measure. For the 42 members of these six teams, deepest congratulations is extended for being so "special"!

"Through the Looking Glass"

Tea Party with Alice Comes to Marion

Dance Prism's interactive family dance event, *A Tea Party with Alice in Wonderland*, will come to Tabor Academy in Marion on Sunday, March 24 at 2:30 pm. The performance of the ballet, one of the company's most popular signature works, will be followed by a slightly zany English tea during which children (and adults) in the audience will be invited to have complimentary tea and sweets with Alice, the White Rabbit, and other madcap inhabitants of Wonderland.

Dance Prism's original production of *Alice in Wonderland*, choreographed by Scott Ranagan and Mary Demaso to the light-hearted music of Percy Grainger,

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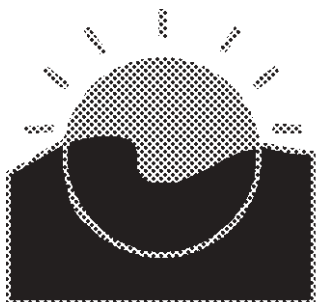
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The ballet traces Alice's encounters with such legendary figures as the Mad Hatter and the March Hare, the Cheshire Cat, and the irascible Queen of Hearts with her retinue of Cards. A new feature of this season's production is the addition of a whimsical Game of Chess.

Dance Prism, a touring ballet company founded by Demaso and Ranagan, has performed throughout New



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England for nineteen years; its *Nutcracker* productions have been holiday season delight for SouthCoast residents for well over a decade. *Alice in Wonderland* has been a popular staple of the company's repertory since its 1987 premiere; performances at Mechanics Hall in Worcester and other New England theaters are annual spring events. The current production focuses on company dancers Sonya Turner as Alice, Mara Shelton as the Queen of Hearts, Clarissa Eaton as the Cheshire Cat, and Jonathan H. Towle as the Mad Hatter. Patricia Letourneau will be featured as the irritable Duchess best remembered for her peppered soup and demanding disposition.

Both the performance and the tea are included in the admission price of \$16 for adults, \$10 for children and seniors. For tickets, please call Dance Prism's box office at 978-371-1038 or visit www.danceprism.com. Tickets can also be purchased at Dancer's Sole, Route 6 in Dartmouth (across from Wal-Mart). Group rates are available and remaining tickets may be purchased at the door. The theater is wheelchair-accessible.

"Language Learning"

ORR Students Visit Sixth Grade Classrooms

Advanced language students from Old Rochester Regional High School visited sixth grade classrooms throughout the district recently. The purpose of the visits was to give the younger students a simple lesson and answer questions on each of the languages offered at the

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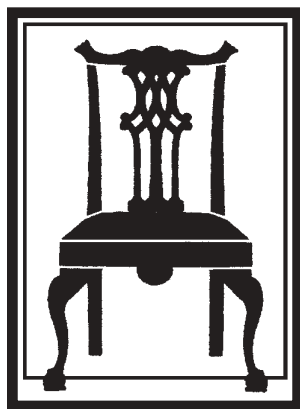
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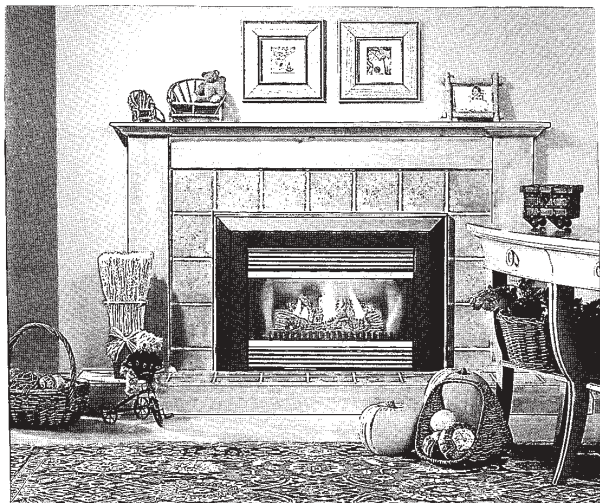
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high school in order to help the sixth graders decide which language they will pursue in coming years.

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

March 18, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Raymond Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After approving the minutes of the March 11 meeting, the board unanimously voted to appoint Andrew U. Murray of Brandt Island Road as Deputy Shellfish Constable/Dog Officer upon the recommendation of Natural Resource Officer Kathleen Massey. According to Ms. Adams, Shellfish Constable/Dog Officer Edward Alves recently resigned and Mr. Murray will readily fill that vacancy.

Under meetings scheduled for the week, Ms. Adams noted there would be a meeting of the Fire Station Building Committee in the Selectmen's Office on Thursday, March 21 at 4:30 pm; and a meeting of the Personnel Board in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 pm.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

- Letter from resident Gary Cunningham, expressing his interest in serving on the Tax Relief Committee. Selectman Andrews noted that the committee currently has a full complement of members, but Mr. Cunningham's letter and resume would be placed on file for future consideration.

- Letter from Howard Chadwick III seeking consideration for appointment as a member of the Marine

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Advisory Board (MAB). "There are two people whose terms will be up," Ms. Adams said. "The MAB will recommend someone for appointment."

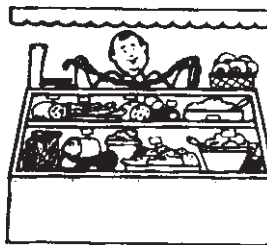
• Letter from the Wareham Board of Selectmen seeking support from the Mattapoisett board in sending a message to Governor Jane Swift saying that Massachusetts towns cannot continue to function under Proposition 2 1/2 while being required to spend the major portion of resources on Education Reform. "We need to collectively send a message that something needs to be done and done quickly or the next letters we send will most likely contain the keys to our respective Town Halls," the Wareham board wrote in their plea.

• Letter from Chairman of the ORR Building Committee Mike Dahill updating the towns on the renovation and addition project at the Junior and Senior High Schools. As of the beginning of March, according to Mr. Dahill, 40 percent of the construction/renovation at ORR has been completed and the project is on schedule with the new wing slated to be occupied by students at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year.

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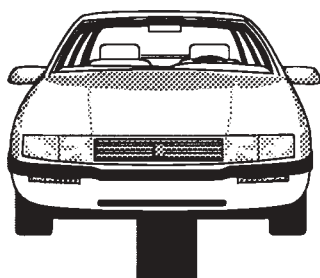
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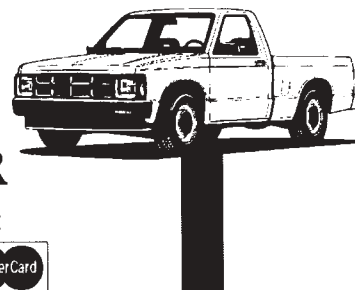


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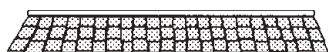
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• Invitation from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) inviting the board to attend its Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm at the Briarwood Conference Center.

At 7:10 pm the board met with Jane Awad and Steve Boulay regarding their recent request to declare the first Thursday of May as a "National Day of Prayer" in Mattapoisett with a formal ceremony to be held at 12:00 noon outside Town Hall.

"I thought it would be an appropriate thing to do in Mattapoisett ... in light of the recent (tragedy)," Ms. Awad said. "If approved, I'd like to invite the clergy to participate." According to Ms. Awad, Fairhaven, Dartmouth, Westport, and New Bedford have already been honoring this tradition on the first Thursday of May and she would like Mattapoisett to join them.

"We've done this in Fairhaven and sometimes you get concerned (about the scope)," Mr. Boulay said. "In Fairhaven we have small groups of people ... and this year we're asking that we be allowed to sing one or two songs. It's all for a specific purpose."

With that, the board unanimously voted to declare May 2, 2002 as a "National Day of Prayer" in Mattapoisett and granted permission to Ms. Awad and Mr. Boulay to conduct the ceremony at 12:00 noon as requested.

Chairman Lambalot next read a prepared "Press Release" in response to the recent decision rendered in a civil lawsuit filed against the Town of Mattapoisett by former Deputy Fire Chief Paul Lopes. "In response to the



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town's motion for Summary Judgment, the March 13, 2002 decision of Federal Court Justice Douglas Woodlock dismissed two out of three counts in Mr. Lopes' complaint," Chairman Lambalot read. "The judge agreed with the town and dismissed both counts of the complaint that alleged violation of Mr. Lopes' Fourteenth Amendment rights."

"As to the only remaining count regarding Mr. Lopes' First Amendment claim," Chairman Lambalot continued, "the judge stated that a jury is best suited to decide what motivated the Selectmen not to reappoint Mr. Lopes and that there was an issue for the jury as to whether Mr. Lopes' conduct was protected under the First Amendment. The town is confident that the remaining part of this case will be dismissed by the jury."

When resident Daniel Goodman asked under whose authority Executive Secretary Carol Adams issued the Press Release, Chairman Lambalot said it was done under his authority and both Selectman Andrews and Selectman Denham were contacted by Ms. Adams for their consent. When asked why the board felt compelled to issue a formal statement on a matter which is still pending litigation, breaking with their longstanding tradition of refraining from comment until the case is settled, Chairman Lambalot said this was done in response to a request from voters at the last Annual Town Meeting to share any information on pending lawsuits. Chairman Lambalot also confirmed that the Press Release

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was sanctioned and approved by the town's attorney and their insurance company, and that they are currently not aware of any pending settlement offers in the matter.

In other matters, the board:

- Discussed pending repairs to the gazebo at Shipyard Park. Fisher and Rocha were deemed the low bidder on the project at \$23,840, according to Ms. Adams. Town Meeting voters approved \$10,000 for the project and the remaining money is available from the Louis R. Vose Fund. Ms. Adams said Mr. Rocha told her he'd be able to start the work at the end of June. But the board members expressed concern over the work conflicting with both Harbor Days and the Band Concerts this summer. "If it's not going to hamper Harbor Days or the Band Concerts, let's go for it," Selectman Denham said.

- Met with Mitchell Suzan, Ellen Driscoll, John Haley, Tom Muldoon and Marilyn Kinney Lee regarding the reactivation of the Mattapoisett Youth Athletic Association (MYAA). "Over the last couple of months, the MYAA has been reestablished," Mr. Suzan said. "We've got a core group of 40 to 50 parents going. We're meeting

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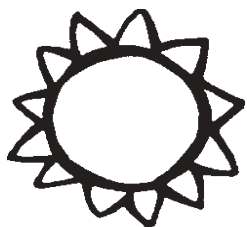
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this Thursday to elect a board. There's been some concern from parents saying the MYAA is a private, non-profit organization ... but the Selectmen have control over the MYAA."

"To the best of my knowledge, the Selectmen have no control over the money raised by the MYAA," Chairman Lambalot said.

"I'm under the impression that the MYAA is more or less a booster club ... you raise funds for particular things," Ms. Kinney Lee said.

"Your group is a privately-manned, privately-funded, privately-official group," Selectman Denham said. "The Board of Selectmen has no function. It's all for the good of the kids."

"We're getting there," Mr. Muldoon added. "It's exciting, it's frustrating at times, but we've made progress. We have to select the slate of officers on Thursday. When you look at the facilities we have ... they're horrible compared to other towns. Hopefully we can get there."

• Entertained further questions from resident Daniel Goodman regarding both the Lopes civil suit and the town's paramedic program, but Chairman Lambalot was reluctant to discuss any specifics of the case other than the aforementioned Press Release. "I'm not going to make any references, comparisons, or assessments of what happened in this case," he said.

Mr. Goodman also pressed the board as to why Mattapoisett is still not online with their Advanced Life

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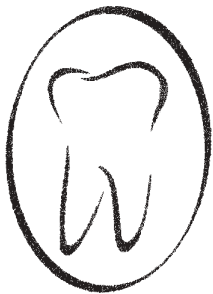
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"Where's the deadline? What's the urgency for us to be online? Is there a problem ... are we behind?" Selectman Denham asked.

When Mr. Goodman responded that there was no deadline, Selectman Denham retorted: "Then why worry about it? We're working towards the accreditation, we've got five people that have completed (the program) and four others in the program now. There is no drop-dead date, at least not at this point. The fact that Fairhaven is up and running has no impact on us. Fairhaven has four or five times the runs we have. Every run we have, we get paid at the (Basic Life Support) BLS level, whether it's an ALS or BLS run. In Mattapoisett's situation, our ambulance is going to cost us more than we make by running the service. We won't make back the full cost of running the ambulance service at the fees we charge ... we simply don't have enough runs."

Despite further questions from Mr. Goodman, the board unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:05 pm.

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

March 19, 2002

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Benjamin Bryant. Also present were Selectman Albert Winters, Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, and Secretary Helene Craver.

After approving the treasury and payroll warrants for the week, the board first met with Barry J. Motta, Superintendent-Director of Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, to review the school's proposed 2002-2003 budget and Marion's assessment.

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"Basically what we have is a modified, level-funded budget," Mr. Motta said. "In terms of student enrollment, we need to do more. The budget I'm presenting is the budget which was voted on by the (district) school committee. There will be some decrease." Mr. Motta agreed to have the final figures to Ms. Enroth-Whitlock by the end of the week.

The school currently has 588 students enrolled — the largest they've ever had, according to Mr. Motta — and there's a waiting list of about 150 students on hand. There are currently seven students from Marion enrolled at Upper Cape, but Mr. Motta said they are hoping to get another seven next year to decrease the per-pupil cost to the town.

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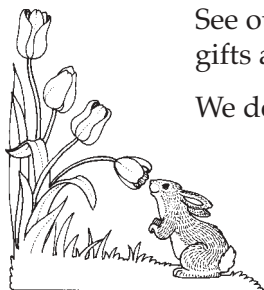
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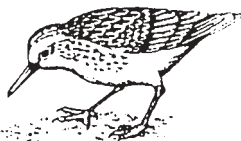
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"We have a school that is pretty much over capacity, so we have to cover out-of-district tuition," Mr. Motta said. "If we get a 10 percent decrease (in local aid), we have to get ready for a major hit next year which could be as high as \$231,000."

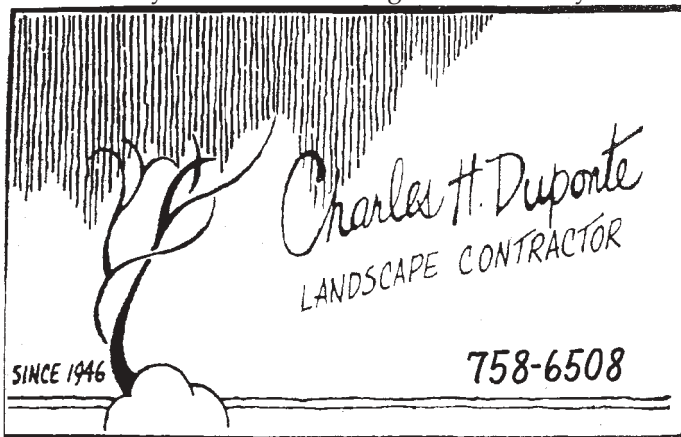
Marion's net assessment of \$82,593 is down from last year's amount, but Marion Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Lee Hayes was concerned that the town's net assessment went up.

"The way we look at this is to very simply look at the end result here in Marion," Mr. Hayes said. "What is our assessment, net of all state aid, and what do we pay divided by the number of students we have? In terms of affordability, we put out a message of 4 percent to all the schools ... we would say on our affordability scale, this budget is not affordable. This is the same message we sent to Old Rochester Regional High School. The thing that is more alarming is the cost per student ... last year was \$6,700 per student. This year, that number is \$9,800 per student, which is a 47 percent increase."

"The more enrollments (you) have, that number is going to go down per assessment," Mr. Motta said. "What we're asking from Marion is really \$1,975 (per student), because we're required to provide the transportation (and other costs)."

"We've pushed back very hard on all our schools this year," Chairman Bryant said. "That's the only message we can leave with you."

"As you look at this budget ... there really seems



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to have been an effort made to bring down the costs," Selectman Winters said. "Things don't happen overnight. There really does seem to be both motivation and some results to bring the costs down. Our message is, you're making the right effort, we're just hoping you can do a little more."

At 7:50 pm the board met with Town Counsel Thomas Crotty regarding the proposed Home Rule Petition for Title V sewer betterment deferrals. "The process is pretty straightforward, we get Town Meeting to approve authorizing the Selectmen to go to the legislature to pass legislation for the betterment deal," Mr. Crotty said. "The method is to get an abatement, which is a permanent reduction in the betterment. However you calculate that ... the person who owns that property is going to be told how much they have to pay. Basically, it's a permanent reduction in the amount of the betterment (assessment)."

The board explained that this plan would allow a 10-year deferral on the betterment payment under a plan managed by the Board of Health.

"The idea is that if somebody has invested money to meet Title V regulations, then we would like them to have the opportunity to get some benefit out of the system before they have to pay additional funds to meet the betterment," Chairman Bryant said. "What we've proposed is a 10-year deferral ... but they would still pay the same total betterment."

Selectman Winters said this proposal would only apply to about 39 house lots at the present time, and the town is hoping to have as many homeowners participate upfront as possible.

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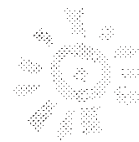
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environment," Selectman Winters said. "Two of the areas are directly on the water and the discharge goes directly into the bay."

Mr. Crotty agreed to work on the language of the warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting and stressed it should remain as general as possible so the legislature could fine-tune it as needed.

"The warrant article will say, in very broad terms, that the voters authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the legislature," Mr. Crotty said. "You're almost better off keeping it general ... and letting the legislature retool it."

In other matters, the board:

- Unanimously voted to grant a request from the Marion Music Hall Advisory Committee to purchase and install an emergency telephone in the downstairs' kitchen area of the Music Hall at a total cost of \$130. This would be a second phone running off the existing line to the building solely for the purpose of making outside emergency calls as needed.

- Received an invitation from ORR School Superintendent Elizabeth "Betty" Quinn to attend a "walk-through" of the Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High School construction project on Saturday, April 6 at 9:00 am.

- Received an update from Mike Dahill, Chairman of the ORR Building Committee, noting that as of the beginning of March, 40 percent of the construction/renovation has been completed. "The project is on schedule and the new wing (is) slated to be occupied by students at the beginning of the 2002/2003 school year," Mr. Dahill wrote.

- Noted that the Carver/Marion/Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Commission will hold a Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection and Mercury Thermometer Exchange Day on Saturday, April

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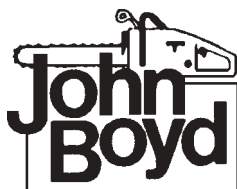
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- Unanimously granted permission to the Marion Congregational Church to hold their Annual Fair on Saturday, July 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and to close off traffic on Main Street from School Street to the intersection of Main and Front Streets during the event as in past years.

- Received an invitation to attend the 14th Annual Coalition for Buzzards Bay Meeting to be held on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 pm in the Briarwood Conference Center in Pocasset, MA. The keynote speaker will be Ross Gelbspan, who will discuss global warming.

- Unanimously voted to withdraw the Velocity Zone Zoning By-Law which was scheduled for placement on the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

- Approved placement of several overrides and debt exclusion articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant, including a \$50,000 allocation to cover additional costs in changing the Fire Chief's position from part-time to full-time, a move which the Board of Selectmen strongly supports, according to Chairman Bryant.

- Unanimously voted to adopt newly-revised Sewer System Policies, which Chairman Bryant said would be discussed in detail on April 3.

- Approved allocation of \$44,698.47 in Chapter 90 funds from the state.

- Granted a request to allocate \$550,000 in Chapter 90 funds for the multi-use path on Creek Road.

At 8:45 pm the board unanimously voted to enter into Executive Session with Town Counsel Thomas Crotty for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. They

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would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

March 18, 2002

By Mary Redman

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro tem Patricia Ryan. Also present were Selectman Naida Parker, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Selectmen Chairman Richard Cutler was not present for the meeting.

The board first signed appointments to the Ad Hoc Personnel By-Law Review Committee. The minutes

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from the March 11 Selectmen's meeting were held for approval until Chairman Cutler returns.

Town Administrator James Huntoon informed the board that he is working on the Annual Town Report. Mr. Huntoon will meet with Joe Booth to work out the final numbers on the Police Station in regards to the communications tower. He has inquired about the final cost of town insurance for 2003. Originally he was told there would be a 10 percent increase, however he believes it will be more. Town resident Antonio Sol asked whether town insurance was bid out? Selectman Ryan stated that it was when they first hired the current carrier. Mr. Huntoon said that Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company bids out to insurance companies.

Mr. Huntoon indicated that there would likely be an increase in the town insurance covering money received from SEMASS should a catastrophic breakdown occur for more than 30 days. Selectman Ryan suggested putting money aside in a separate account to self-insure. She felt that even if some money was set aside to extend the time before the insurance kicked in, it would decrease the insurance rate. The board then asked that Mr. Huntoon look into this matter further.

Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

- An invitation to attend the 2002 Annual Municipal Forum, "Keeping You Current." The board decided to hold onto the invitation until after the election, at which time there may be some interest.

- Letter from Patricia Wada of the Executive Office for Administration & Finance inviting nominations for the Eugene H. Rooney Jr. Public Service Award. The board will forward this information to the town department heads.

- Thank you note from the Rochester Youth Baseball for the recent monies allocated to them from the



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Rumor: You intend to retire in 4 years.

Answer: No way! I will be an at-your-service and in-the-office Town Clerk for many years, especially since neither I nor my husband, Jim, has any thoughts of retiring. I'm too young.

Rumor: You don't have what it takes to run the Town Clerk's office.

Answer: Really? Just look at the ads that I have run over the past 5 weeks. Each one spells out what I do in the Town Clerk's office. Not what my political ambitions are.

Moreover, I am now simultaneously training a recently hired secretary as well as a newly appointed temporary town clerk who has had absolutely no experience as a town clerk—anywhere.

Furthermore, in my previous work experience, I ran a one-woman office for two sister companies before they moved to Georgia. I did everything from being a receptionist to doing payroll, reporting taxes, figuring salespersons' commissions, writing letters for the two owners and performing other duties that keep a company running.

You should also know that I ran the Town Clerk's office from the time the retired town clerk left until the appointment of the temporary one. No problem.

Moreover, at Thanksgiving time, the appointed temporary town clerk wrote me a note thanking me for making the transition a smooth one, for if it were not for my professionalism and knowledge of the job, the transition would have been very difficult.

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• Letter from the Town of Wareham Board of Selectmen looking for support in sending a message to Beacon Hill regarding being able to fund Education Reform under Proposition 2 1/2. The board approved the drafting of a letter by Mr. Huntoon to be sent to the state addressing Rochester's concerns in this matter.

• Invitation from the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School to attend their 2002-2003 tentative budget meeting.

• Invitation to the Coalition for Buzzards Bay's Fourteenth Annual Meeting on April 11, 2002. The board will send this invitation to the town's Buzzards Bay representative.

• Request from resident Sandy Keese regarding an illegal basketball hoop on a town roadway layout in her neighborhood which endangers the children due to its location. The board ruled that the Police Department will have all basketball hoops in town that are on town roadway property removed. Selectman Parker stated she did not want to be responsible for children being injured.

• Letter from resident Don Collasius regarding an incident which occurred last September at his home that required police assistance. Since then he has been in contact with the police several times over this matter. Due to what he feels are inadequate actions on behalf of the Police Department, he is requesting that the board look into the matter. The board will meet with the Police Chief



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to address this issue at a later date.

Under New Business, the board voted to have Mr. Huntoon sign authorization of a grant.

With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:35 pm.

Sports Shorts

By Kristen Ward

Congratulations to the **Old Rochester Regional Junior High School girls and boys basketball teams**. The boys had an impressive regular season record of six wins and four losses. The girl's team had an outstanding regular season record of ten wins and zero losses.

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This past weekend (March 16 and 17) both the girls and boys teams were invited to participate in the **Middleboro tournament**. The boy's team defeated three out of four of the teams they played. They played against New Bedford, Middleboro, Dartmouth, and Kingston, with their only loss to Dartmouth. The games against Middleboro and New Bedford were not even close but the one against Kingston was only won by one point. After making it to the championship game, they once again lost to the Dartmouth team. The boy's team came in second place for the Middleboro tournament.

The girl's team also beat three out of four of the teams they competed against in the Middleboro tournament. Without a struggle they defeated Falmouth, St. Julie's, and Bourne. However, Carver, a team that had excellent three-point shooters, was their one loss. They again faced Carver in the championship game. The girl's team defeated Carver only by a few points. It was a close game but the girls pulled through to become the champions of the Middleboro tournament! Thanks to Coach Regan and Assistant Coaches Rogers and McLaughlin, the girls and boy's teams had a very successful season!

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Solution: I worked to create the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership.

The Mattapoisett Housing Partnership can be the entity that will attract developers to utilize our Special Residential District zoning by-law designed to bring in a more diverse housing inventory for Mattapoisett residents. This will be the most effective means to address this critical housing issue.

If Mattapoisett does not address its non-compliance of Massachusetts 10% affordable housing rule, the community is vulnerable to developers of 40B housing projects. Those developers can bypass local zoning by-laws thereby forcing the town to accept the consequences with little or no recourse.

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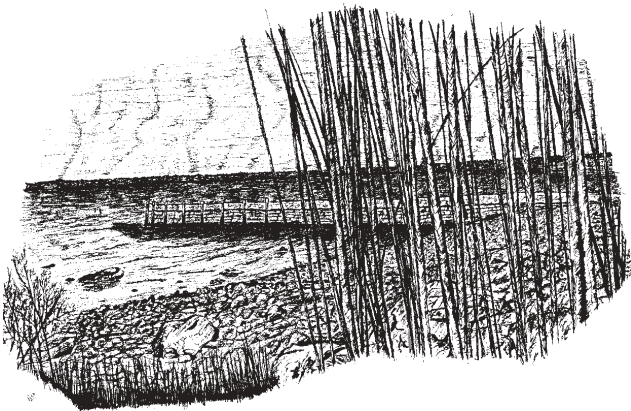
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on a Thursday. Both the seventh and eighth grade teams were victorious in their first game this session. The seventh grade team won against Mansfield six to one last Monday. The eighth grade teams' game against Stoughton was a blow out, with a score of fifteen to zero.

The last two sessions the seventh grade team made it to the semi finals but never made it to the championship game. However, the eighth grade team was much more victorious. They have not only made it to the championship games both sessions but have been the champions.

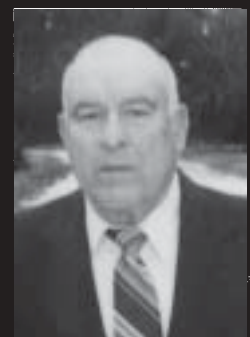
Another basketball team that has been led to victory is the **St. Anthony's (Mattapoisett) CYO team**. The team recently won the championship game for the New Bedford League in a best of three series against St. Julie's. They will now face the Fall River League champions, a Swansea team. Hopefully, Coach Tony Amieda and Assistant Coach Dave Overmeyer will once again lead their team to another victory.

Soon the **softball** and **baseball** seasons will begin for the **Recreation Leagues in Mattapoisett, Marion and Rochester**. Also starting soon will be the **ORR softball** and **baseball** seasons, and the **Mariner spring Soccer** season will start this weekend. Stay tuned!

Please send ideas, comments and suggestions to: Sports, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, e-mail releases to news@wanderer.com, or fax, 24-hours-a-day, to (508) 758-4845.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Resident Ronald MacInnes' recent letter concerning the proposed bicycle path in town was on target. He brought out the issues that remain as part of the hidden agenda on this path.

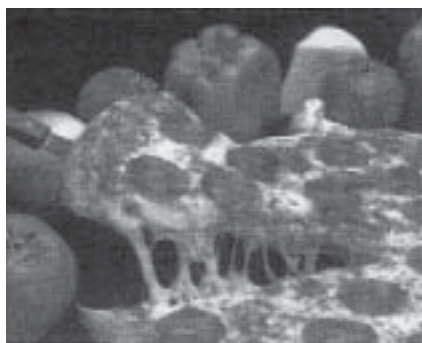
There is no final cost, no final negotiations with the YMCA through whose property the path must pass and no estimates on the legal costs connected with the residents who resist, via court battles, the land-taking required for the path.

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	Small	Large
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Pepper Steak	4.25	5.25
Onion Steak	4.25	5.25
Mushroom Steak	4.35	5.35
Special Steak	4.50	5.50
Subs Extra Cheese	.50	.75
Bacon Extra	.50	1.25



Subs

	Small	Large
Marinated Steak Tips	4.75	5.75
Vegetarian	3.25	4.25
Meatball	4.00	5.00
Sausage	4.00	5.00
Linguica	4.00	5.00
Italian	4.00	5.00

Genoa Salami	4.00	5.00
Ham & Cheese	4.00	5.00
Eggplant	4.00	5.00
Chicken Cutlet	4.00	5.00
Hamburger	4.00	5.00
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Cheeseburger	4.25	5.25
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Pepper & Eggs	4.25	5.25
Mushroom & Eggs	4.25	5.25
Western	4.25	5.25
Steak & Eggs	4.75	5.75

Salads

Garden Salad	3.50
Greek Salad	4.50
Chef Salad	5.25
Seafood Salad	5.25
Tuna Salad	5.25
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Taxpayers are facing the additions to two schools, sewer lines, possible new building for the Water Department, and so on. Can they afford a bike path?

On another matter, the town will have to pay, either from its own pockets or through insurance (if it covers it), the costs of former Fire Department Lieutenant Paul Lopes who was fired for circulating a memo proposing that the Fire Department handle the paramedic service for the town. Mr. Lopes has won the first part of his battle as a federal judge said the law civil suit filed by Mr. Lopes against the town can proceed. Judge Douglas Woodlock said Mr. Lopes' actions were covered by the Freedom of Speech in the First Amendment of the Constitution.

Who voted on firing him? Wasn't it the *entire* Board of Selectmen, the ones currently serving? Also, from whom did they get their legal advice? Wasn't it from Attorney Daniel Perry, the Town Counsel?

Sincerely,
Michael Couture
Mattapoisett

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Water Protection Grant Awarded

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) recently announced the release of a drinking water protection grant of \$311,000 toward the purchase of 257 acres of land within the Mattapoisett River Aquifer. The parcel, known as the Rounseville-Willoughby land, is located in Rochester and abuts the existing state conservation land. The aquifer provides drinking water for the towns of Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester and Fairhaven.

"This grant from the state is a critical part of a multi-town effort to preserve quality drinking water supplies for our area," Representative Straus said. "The local town officials are to be commended for identifying the need for this project as part of their strategy to protect the public health of these four towns."

The Mattapoisett River aquifer supplies drinking water from public and private wells in the four towns. In

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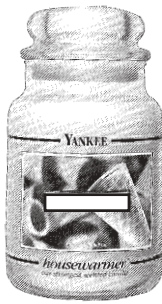
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State Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand said: "The Swift Administration is committed to making sure Massachusetts residents have the cleanest drinking water possible. That is why we developed the ALA grant program this year. Protecting our drinking water aquifers is especially important in a time of drought

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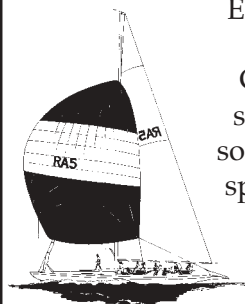
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Mattapoisett Library Storytime

Registration for the Spring Preschool Storytime at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library will begin Tuesday, April 2. The program is for children ages 3 to 5 and consists of stories, fingerplays, music, and simple crafts. (Children must be three years of age by the first program in the session).

The Spring session consists of six programs and will begin April 10/12. You may call (508-758-4171) or visit the library at 7 Barstow Street to register for the afternoon program on Wednesday from 1:00 to 1:45 pm or the morning program on Friday from 10:30 to 11:15 am. There will be a maximum of 20 children registered in each

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A Town Clerk Search Committee conducted a search for a Temporary Town Clerk. The Committee was chaired by Town Moderator Richard W. Blasdale and included Paul E. Milott, Jr., Chair of the Computer Advisory Board; the Town Accountant; Lois K. Ennis, retired Town Clerk; and Noreen D. Lyonnais, community representative.

Did you know ? . . .

The Town Clerk Search Committee advertised the position twice and held two rounds of comprehensive interviews for both town employee and non-town employee applicants.

- Rebecca interviewed in the second round.
- Rebecca's opponent participated in the entire process and was interviewed by the committee twice.

Did you know ? . . .

The Town Clerk Search Committee voted unanimously to give **Rebecca McCullough the job**. The Selectmen supported the Town Clerk Search Committee's recommendation and appointed Rebecca McCullough to the position of Temporary Town Clerk on July 23, 2001.

Now that you know . . . we hope that you will support the recommendation of the Search Committee and

***VOTE*****Rebecca McCullough****TOWN CLERK****ON APRIL 2, 2002**

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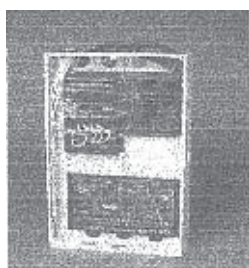
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ORR Driver Education

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before April 22 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats as the program is a school-sponsored program.

Please call the high school for further information. Registration period ends Friday, April 12, 2002. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, April 22, 2002. The classes are held on Monday and Tuesday in Room B-123 at the high school from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and run for seven weeks.

Class charge for residents is \$35. Driving hours for residents is \$112. The class and driving hour charge for non-residents of the district is \$166. Only cash, bank checks, or money orders will be accepted as payment. No personal checks will be accepted. Summer residents will be considered residents of the district.

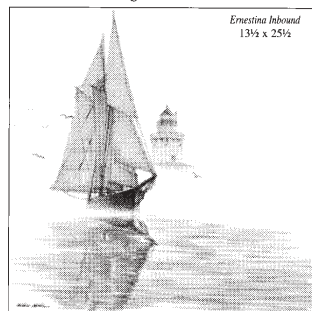
Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its April meeting on Wednesday, April 3 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be Tom Alferes, newly-elected President of the New Bedford Board of Realtors. Tom will speak on the general condi-

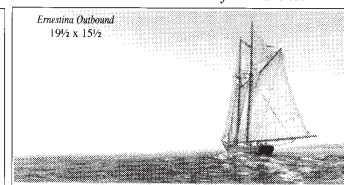
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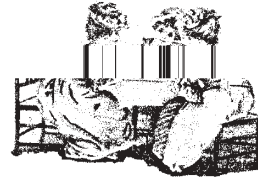
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Rochester Park Committee

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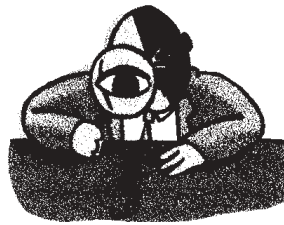
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Rochester Site Plan Review

Town Planner Randall Kunz announced the Rochester Planning Board will hold a Site Plan Review as specified under Rochester Zoning By-Law, Section IV.C (Industrial District, Site Plan) on March 26, 2002 in the Rochester Town Hall at 8:00 pm. The plan is from Sippican Realty Trust for a stone-crushing and washing plant proposed for Assessors' Map 19, Lot 42 off High Street. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Sippican Seniors Meeting

The next Sippican Seniors Meeting will take place Friday, April 12 at the Marion VFW Hall on Route 6 in Marion at 1:30 pm. Entertainment will be provided by The Rochester Dance Team, and a short business meeting will be held prior to the entertainment. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend and purchase an item from Jan's Table. The building is handicap accessible. The group is also planning a Pot luck Luncheon on Friday

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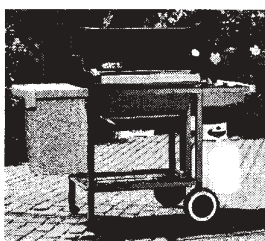
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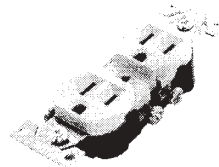


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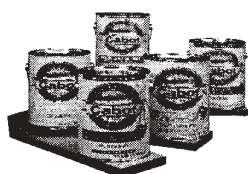
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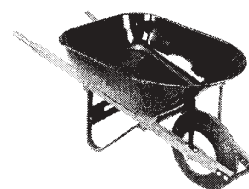
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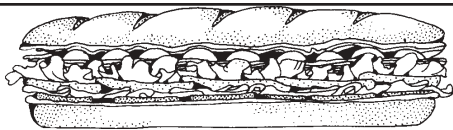


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ORR Presents *Damn Yankees!*

Get in the spirit of baseball spring training season by joining the Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club for their production of the Broadway musical, *Damn Yankees*. The show opens Thursday, March 21 at 8:00 pm and continues on March 22 and 23 at 8:00 pm. On Sunday, March 24, there will be a matinee performance at 2:00 pm.

Sports fans will delight in the story of Joe Boyd, who would sell his soul for his team, the Washington Senators, to beat the Yankees and play in the World Series. Boyd's plea is answered by the devilish Mr. Applegate, who turns Boyd into the unknown all-star, Joe Hardy. But when Hardy wants to see his wife, Applegate is forced to resort to his number-one temptress, Lola, to keep Joe in line.

Ben Couto of ORR makes his drama debut as Hardy. Look for Randy Allain as Boyd; Kevin Hart as Applegate; and Jordan Butterfield as Lola. Many other ORR students in the cast and crew contribute to the catchy songs and lively action on stage. The show is directed by Paul Sardinha, and will be presented at the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium, ORR High School, Route 6, Mattapoisett. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available in advance at Plumb Corner Market, Rochester; the Marion General Store; and Seaport Village Ice Cream & Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett. Tickets are also available at the door. Don't miss the Senators versus the Yankees at ORR, playing March 21-24!



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Music Melodies in Mattapoisett

On Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30 pm, the Third Grade Intergenerational Chorus at Center School will be presenting a concert titled "Teach the Children to Sing" as part of the school's sixteenth annual Art and Music Night. The guest performers for this concert will be the well-known barbershop chorus, "The Harpoon Harmonizers." They will be joining the Third Grade Chorus in song, and together they will share the joy of singing. Also featured at this concert will be students in the new string program. The violins and cellos will join together in several songs.

At Center School, they celebrate music for all ages throughout the year. They are joined weekly by members of the community — senior citizens, friends, parents, and grandparents — to raise voices in song. Together, they will put a song in every heart and a smile on every face.

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Rochester Chocolate Festival

A Chocolate Festival featuring home-baked goodies will be held on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Old North Rochester Congregational Church, North Avenue in Rochester, about one mile from Route 105.

Mattapoisett Cultural Council

The Mattapoisett Cultural Council recently announced the recipients of this year's Cultural Council grants. The grants were awarded from a pool of funds distributed to Mattapoisett by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency that supports public programs and educational activities in the arts, sciences, and humanities. Statewide, local cultural councils will distribute more than \$4.2 million in 2002. Grants will support an enormous range of grass-roots activities, including concerts, exhibitions, and school assemblies.

Local grants were awarded to: Tri-County Music Association, New Bedford Whaling Historic Park, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, AHA Thursday Nights, Zeiterion Summer Fun Series, the New Bedford Festival Theater, Odyssey's Marion Music Fest, the New Bedford Symphony's Young People's Concerts, the Mattapoisett PTA, the SouthCoast Chamber Music Society, Old Rochester Regional Junior High School, Greater New Bedford



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The Mattapoisett Cultural Council will be seeking applications again in the fall. Information and forms will be available at the Mattapoisett Town Hall from September 15 - October 15, 2002.

Mattapoisett Candidates Night

Mattapoisett Candidates Night, sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club, will be held on Sunday, March 24 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Congregational Church Hall. Each opposed candidate will be given the opportunity to an opening statement of five minutes, field questions from the floor and end with a three-minute summation. Unopposed candidates will be limited to a three-minute statement followed by questions from the floor. All are welcome to attend.

Rochester Republican Committee

Interested in a local race or just the Governor's race? Whatever or whoever you think will most impact your future could well be in attendance at a Breakfast Buffet being hosted by the Rochester Republican Town Committee. The event will take place on Saturday, March 30 at 9:30 am in the Fireside Grille at the Middleboro Rotary. Space is limited, so for information or tickets please contact any Town Committee member or call 508-763-5619 or 508-763-8866, or visit the Rochester Town Committee website at www.rochestergop.org.

Marion-Bermuda Yacht Race

The 2003 Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race will start on Friday, June 20, 2003 with no significant changes to Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions anticipated. The race will continue to use AMERICAP rating system and divide fleet into celestial and electronic

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divisions. Jack Braitmayer, Chairman of the Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race, announced the start date following a meeting at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC) in Paget, Bermuda. It has been held every two years since its successful introduction 26 years ago.

The Marion-Bermuda Cruising Yacht Race, one of the premier offshore races conducted on the East Coast, is open to cruising yachts from 32 feet to 62 feet LOD. Described as "fun at both ends with great sailing in the middle," the race combines three major elements: getting out of Buzzards Bay, picking the best entry point to the Gulf Stream, and predicting the winds at the finish. In addition to these are the challenges of avoiding or utiliz-

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Rochester Rabies Clinic

A Rochester Rabies Clinic will be held on April 7,
2002 at the Rochester Grange Hall from 10:00 am to 12:00
noon. The cost will be \$8 per shot. All dogs must be on a
leash and all cats must be in a carrier.

Maconchu Club

On Saturday, March 23, the Maconchu Club will
be attending ORR High School's rendition of *Damn
Yankees!* The play starts at 8:00 pm and the cost is \$9 for
adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens. Please make
your checks payable to The Maconchu Club and send it to
Carol Atkinson, 4 Hilton Avenue, Mattapoisett. You can
pick up your ticket from Carol at the door on March 23.
Please come early so everyone can sit together.

Rochester Skate Park Committee

The Rochester Area Skate Park Committee is
looking for help for the April 28 Auction to be held at 1:00
pm at the Redman Hall in Wareham. They are still in need
of volunteers for this event. If you have any new or used
items you would like to donate, please call 508-763-3160.
Another great donation is if you have any type of service
to offer.

Comedy Night in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be presenting its
First Annual Comedy Night at the Knights of Columbus
Hall in Mattapoisett on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 pm to
12:00 midnight. The evening will begin with music
provided by the musical group, "Then and Now," featur-
ing music from the '40s through the present.

Then, direct from New York City, the comedy
team of Valles and Boros will entertain. They are an
exciting new comedy team in the tradition of Abbott and
Costello with rapid-fire delivery and impeccable timing.
Their extensive repertoire features original material as
well as classic routines from the golden era of comedy.
The musical group "Then and Now" will close out the
evening of entertainment.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available at
Don's Tire, Dunn Insurance, Seaport Village and Coffee
Shop, and through any Lions Club member. All proceeds
will benefit local Lions Club charities.

Mattapoisett Caution Seals

Mattapoisett Animal Control Officer Kathy Masse
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near the mammals or attempt to lead them back into the water, as they are liable to bite and can carry rabies. Instead, they should contact her or her Assistant Animal Control Officers by calling the Mattapoisett Police Department at 508-758-4141. Seals are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and it is against the law to touch, feed or otherwise harass seals. Harassment occurs when *your* behavior changes *their* behavior.

Lions Club Seeks Runner

The Mattapoisett Lions Club announced that it is looking to adopt a runner in the 106th Boston Marathon. The Mattapoisett Lions Club is part of a statewide effort called "Run Into The Light" to raise pledges for eye research. Since its inception, the Massachusetts Lions Eye Research Fund has provided millions of dollars to prevent blindness.

Members of the Mattapoisett Lions Club will collect pledges throughout the community in the sponsored runner's name. The runner, who need not be a Lion, will receive a "Lions Run Into The Light" running t-shirt



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Ice Age. With the voices of Ray Romano, John Leguizamo, and Denis Leary. Directed by Chris Wedge. Running time: 75 minutes. MPAA rating: PG. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

Normally I don't much go for computer-animated movies (*Antz* was an exception), but *Ice Age* — released, ironically, by 20th Century-Fox — is about as close as digital feature-length toons have come to the glory days of Warner Bros.' Looney Toons. This is really the first computer-generated movie I can recall that couldn't have been done almost as well in stop-motion, and its technique doesn't feel like the tail wagging the dog — it wears its visual virtuosity lightly. Perhaps all this is only a roundabout way of saying that *Ice Age*, almost alone among these bits-and-bytes things, is funny enough to win me over.

Take Scrat, the squirrel-rat mix instantly beloved by anyone who saw him exerting himself in the ads (that's only the beginning of his trials in the movie). Scrat, easily the runaway star of *Ice Age*, is a wonderful wordless creation — an icon of mute, hapless indomitability to rival Wile E. Coyote. Every time he shows up toting his cherished acorn, the audience perks up, and the movie always rewards our anticipation. Resilient and single-minded, Scrat exists to be trampled and defeated. It's terrible to say this, but Scrat is probably the best character we've gotten in any new movie during this wretched first quarter of 2002. You understand exactly what he wants, you want him to succeed, and you laugh when he doesn't.

The main throughline of *Ice Age* is a rather routine quest. An infant boy has been separated from his village by a pack of vengeful sabertooth tigers. Enter Manfred (voice by Ray Romano), a slow-moving, jaded mammoth, and Sid (John Leguizamo), a motormouth sloth. The baby shows up at their feet; they determine to bring him back to his people. This is all Manfred needs: sighing heavily with disgust, he's already been pushed near the limits of his patience by the craven and incurably annoying Sid. There's a bit of *Shrek*-and-the-Donkey dynamic in this, but *Shrek* was far from the first movie to work that angle, and the perpetually dissatisfied-sounding Romano and the eager, extroverted Leguizamo make a likable team. Sighing even more heavily, Manfred agrees to help the baby.



Complicating matters is the sabertooth Diego (Denis Leary), charged by his leader with the task of capturing the infant alive. Diego hooks up with the trio, offering to lead them to the baby's family, but really plotting to lure them into an ambush. Of course, he gradually grows to like his companions, setting up a genuine redemptive character arc — in a computer cartoon for kids? This might not have worked so well if not for the voice of Leary, who specializes in characters who growl and snarl but grudgingly let themselves soften into compassion. When a sourball like Denis Leary goes human, it counts for something, even if he's a tiger.

There are a couple of fine setpieces — a whizzing trip through a mountain of ice (featuring some good sight gags involving things preserved in the ice), a volcanic eruption that forces our heroes to hop from peak to peak. The baby toddles along, giggling and cooing, saved from terminal cuteness by his Icelandic features — he looks like a miniature Björk and stares at everything with fascinated incomprehension. There's a moral — "Work together and watch each other's back" — but it isn't pressed too hard. The animation has a deadpan-skittish quality; the comic timing harks back to Friz Freleng and Chuck Jones. There's hardly a whiff of Disney anywhere near *Ice Age*, a vast relief for the Mouse-phobes among us.

There's a slight, somewhat disquieting subtext: At least two of the heroes, Manfred and Diego, are helping a species that has been known to decimate their kind. Except for the burbling baby, mankind is not viewed fondly in *Ice Age*; it's the critters' story, and eventually a *detente* of sorts is reached between the species — not that it ultimately did the mammoths or the sabertooths any good. When the heroes wander off towards the frozen horizon, we may note with some sadness that two-thirds of the group wouldn't be around much longer. But then Scrat is brought on for one last bit of business, and all of that is forgotten.

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E.T. (PG) - 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55
We Were Soldiers (R) - 1:00, 4:05, 6:55, 9:50
Blade 2 (R) - 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
John Q (PG-13) - 4:10, 7:05
Time Machine (PG-13) - 12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:50, 9:00
Sorority Boys (R) - 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00
40 Days & 40 Nights (R) - 12:35, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:15
All About The Benjamins (R) - 12:50, 3:05, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
Monster's Ball (R) - 9:40
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) - 1:15
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Lord of the Rings (PG-13) - 12:45, 7:45

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Crossroads (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:20, 6:40, 8:40
John Q (PG-13) - 3:50, 6:20, 8:50
Sorority Boys (R) - 12:50, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:20
Ice Age (PG) - 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00
Showtime (PG-13) - 12:50, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
The Time Machine (PG-13) - 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 8:50
Resident Evil (R) - 1:10, 3:50, 7:00, 9:20
We Were Soldiers (R) - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13) - 1:30
All About the Benjamins (R) - 1:20

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Mattapoisett Spring Fling

The Mattapoisett Yacht Club will celebrate its annual "Spring Fling" at the Century House in Acushnet on March 23, 2002. This occasion kicks off the many events to follow in the 2002 season. The celebration begins at 5:00 pm with cocktails, dinner, dancing and a presentation/slide show by Patrick L. Muldoon, Executive Director of the Museum of Yachting in Newport, RI. Mr. Muldoon is a Past Commodore of the Junior Mattapoisett Yacht Club, having raced in Beetle Cats. He can be seen crewing on *Revelation*, a C&C 35, in MYC races. His presentation during the Spring Fling will deal with the history of yachting up through and including the America's Cup. The Museum of Yachting is the present-day berth for *Courageous*, a two-time America's Cup winner. Mattapoisett Yacht Club members and the general public are invited to attend. Please contact Kathy Martens at 508-758-4768 for more information.

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Registration will be held from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27. The first class will begin at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 3. Classes will continue on Wednesdays through May. For more information, please contact Jane Ulewicz at 508-763-5424 or Joan Andersen at 508-758-3545.

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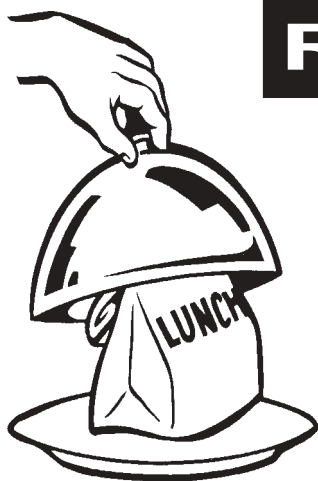
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Wednesday, March 27 – Baked chicken, ham sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Hot dog on a roll, bologna sandwich, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 25 – Beef barley soup, beef strips with gravy, carrots, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, March 26 – Sausage cacciatore, rotini, green beans, oatmeal bread, vanilla pudding.

Wednesday, March 27 – Roast pork, red bliss potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, dinner roll, birthday cake.

Thursday, March 28 – Swedish meatballs, whipped potatoes, winter blend vegetables, white bread, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY: Salmon boat, lemon dill sauce, rice pilaf, peas, multigrain roll.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 25 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 26 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, oven fries, pickles, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 27 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, March 25 – Cheesy macaroni twists, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, shaved turkey club, potato wedges, baked beans, mixed fruit, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, March 26 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, blueberries with topping.

Wednesday, March 27 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich, “hero” sub, shoestring fries, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treat.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 25 – Pepperoni pizza, chicken parmesan with sauce, grated mozzarella, steak and cheese grinder, shoestring fries, baked beans, mixed fruit, lemon jello with topping.

Tuesday, March 26 – American chop suey, grated mozzarella, double grilled cheese, tuna salad sub, tossed salad, green beans, chilled peaches, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, March 27 – Roast turkey with gravy, baked glazed ham, steak and cheese grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, blueberry crisp with topping.

Thursday, March 28 – Taco boat with all the fixings, hot pastrami grinder, chicken fajita with salsa, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, chilled apricots, baked custard with topping.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FAIRHAVEN

Monday, March 25 – Cheesy macaroni twists, hot dog on a roll, tuna salad roll, shaved turkey club, potato wedges, baked beans, mixed fruit, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, March 26 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, baked pork chop with gravy, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, blueberries with topping.

Wednesday, March 27 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, hamburger/cheeseburger, grilled cheese sandwich, “hero” sub, shoestring fries, chilled pears, mini Rice Krispie treat.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, Sloppy Joe on a bun, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, March 25 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 26 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, oven fries, pickles, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 27 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, March 25 – Chicken fries, mashed potatoes, peas, applesauce, bread, frosted cake.

Tuesday, March 26 – Fruit juice, soft taco, tortilla chips, corn, salsa, dessert.

Wednesday, March 27 – Grilled hot dog, chili, macaroni salad, green beans, fruit crisp.

Thursday, March 28 – Pizza, potato chips, veggie sticks, fruit, assorted dessert.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, March 25 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 26 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, oven fries, pickles, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 27 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, March 25 – Soup, ravioli with meat sauce, ham and cheese croissant, BBQ ribs, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Tuesday, March 26 – Soup, chicken tenders, mashed potato, linguica and cheese pocket, turkey sub, broccoli, corn, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, March 27 – Soup, spaghetti with meat sauce, fish tenders, chicken nuggets, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Soup, French toast, pancakes, chicken salad, chicken fillet, sausage, hash browns, warm apple slices, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, March 25 – Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, carrots, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, March 26 – Hamburgers or cheeseburgers, oven fries, pickles, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, March 27 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, tuna roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, March 28 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed crust pizza, seafood salad roll, soup, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY (no school).

Acushnet Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be held at Acushnet Elementary School, 800 Middle Road in Acushnet, on Thursday, April 11 at 10:00 am for children who will be five years old by September 30, 2002. Parents only will register their children for Kindergarten, meet the Kindergarten teachers, receive a school registration packet, and make an appointment for a Kindergarten screening for their child. Kindergarten screenings will be by appointment only from Monday, April 29, 2002 through Friday, May 10, 2002. Please bring your child's birth certificate, verification of home address, and current records of immunization showing dates and sources. Also required is a physical examination within six months prior to entrance into Kindergarten, or during the first year after entrance into school.

Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Computer Course

A free Computer Course at Old Rochester Regional High School will begin April 22. Transportation will be provided. Please call the Mattapoisett COA for further information (508-758-4110). Class is limited to 15 people, so don't delay.

Health Van

On April 9 the SouthCoast Mobile Health Van will be at the Mattapoisett Senior Center from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please avail yourself of all the free testing they do.

Lions Luncheon

The Lions Club Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 12:00 noon at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. You must call the COA office at 508-758-4110 to sign up for this event. The COA will provide transportation to this event so let them know if you want this. Also, delivery of meals will be available for the homebound. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, April 9.

Upcoming Trips

March 28: Lunch at Peking Palace; April 4: Swansea Mall; April 18: Cape Cod Mall in Hyannis; April 11: Lunch at Country Buffet.

No Bingo

There will be no Bingo on April 3.

Voting Transportation

The COA will provide transportation to vote on Tuesday, April 2. Please call 508-758-4110 to sign up to go at 1:00 pm.

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The Spin Zone

By Kenneth J. Souza
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I fear the "Good Ol' Boy Network" is at it again.

Yes, just when you thought it was safe to wage a fair and balanced political campaign in Mattapoissett, and there was at least a glimmer of hope with two formidable challengers running against the usually-unopposed incumbent, their itchy trigger fingers started twitching this past week and those same good-intentioned candidates may have found themselves caught in the crosshairs.

In yet another thinly-veiled endorsement of the candidate for re-election, the board boasted their own proud accomplishments publicly during this past Monday's Selectmen's meeting (which is televised *live*, mind you) with an inexplicable "Press Release" regarding the still-pending lawsuit between the town and former Deputy Fire Chief Paul Lopes. The release claimed the town was "pleased" with the Federal Court decision to dismiss two out of three counts in the filed complaint and that it "looks forward" to the upcoming trial.

When was the last time a municipality was *pleased* with pending litigation and actually *looked forward* to a costly court trial?

Come to think of it, when was the last time any town officials were so forthcoming with public statements about lawsuits which had yet to be settled?

I've been covering news in the greater tri-town area for over a decade now, and I've grown accustomed to measured political responses like "no comment" or "that matter is still in litigation" when asking about such cases. Town officials are never wont to voluntarily offer opinion or commentary on such legal hot potatoes and they generally refer such inquiries to Town Counsel.

Unless there's some reason for tooting their own horn and putting a spin on the story, that is. And what better way to pat themselves collectively on the back (and, in turn, promote their fellow board member up for re-election) than releasing an "official" statement to the press and blaring "Hail to the Chiefs" via their rehearsed public access Monday night soapbox?

This is the same board, mind you, that on the very eve of last year's Annual Town Election used similar cable airtime (which should be devoted solely to town business) to "correct" errors and misstatements made in published *political campaign advertisements* to the detriment of another candidate challenging the seated incumbent. I'm starting to think the Mattapoissett

board should just save us all the lip service and simply wear political buttons and tilted, red-white-and-blue styrofoam campaign hats on their heads every week. You know, let us know where they *really* stand.

Granted, we all know politicians relish the opportunity to grandstand around election time, and I'm not suggesting they remain silent on important town issues while campaigning simply to avoid the appearance of politicking, either.

But there's a fine line between appearance and reality, and it's high time someone publicly say what's been whispered around town and in the notorious "wind tunnels" for years: *When it comes to Mattapoissett politics, it's not what you know, it's who you know.*

Come on in here, dear boy, have a cigar ... you're going to go far!

Forget voting for the best candidate. Ignore those empty campaign promises and bloated resumes. Put up as many campaign signs (but only on private property, *please*) and plaster as many bumper stickers around town as you can. But just remember: *only those "blessed" or "endorsed" by the close-knit circle of political pundits get elected ... and those on the "outside" should just stay put. Period.*

I'm sure those reading this will fall into one of two categories, with absolutely no middle ground. You either agree with me and know deep-down from experience this has always been the case ... or you think I'm spouting off nonsense in an attempt to garner readers or with a serious axe to grind. If you fall into the latter category, I can't and won't ever change your mind. I will only say that I've personally witnessed many good, talented people passed over or forced out of office over the past ten years simply because they weren't "endorsed" by the inner circle.

But if you find yourself nodding in silent agreement, think long and hard about how you can break the vicious cycle of self-serving politics and usher in change as you head to the polls on April 2. And if this sounds like I'm making a political endorsement or attempting to dissuade you from a particular candidate, I'm really not.

I'm just using my weekly published soapbox to correct a few errors and misconceptions. Honest.

Oh, and if you're looking for a rebuttal from the Band of Brothers on this matter, be sure to dial up their Monday night Selectmen's meeting at 7:00 pm. I'm sure they'll have plenty to say on taxpayers' time.

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Rochester Land Trust

The Rochester Land Trust will be holding its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at the Fellowship Hall of the Rochester Congregational Church on Route 105. All interested parties are invited to attend. Guest speakers will be Anna White and George Lawrence who will share their memories of Rochester. A pot luck supper will precede the meeting and all are invited to bring a special dish and share in the meal which will include Norene Hartley's famous "Land Trust Soup." The



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Local Police Logs

MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 10 through March 16, 2002:

- Sippican, Inc. – suspicious activity
- Wianno Road – message delivery
- Silvershell Beach – suspicious motor vehicle
- Green Street – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – annoying phone calls
- Converse Road – larceny/past
- Shady Lane – breaking and entering/past
- Mill Street – disturbance
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Washburn Park – found property
- Front Street – motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spinnaker Lane – adult arrest (warrant)
- Point Road – suspicious activity
- Front Street – by-laws violation
- Holly Lane – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – larceny/past
- Route 195 East – adult arrest (default warrant)
- Cranberry Way – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – parking violation
- Green Street – animal complaint
- Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – adult arrest (shoplifting by concealing merchandise)
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – vandalism/past
- Wareham Road – order of protection
- Spring Street – adult arrest (warrant)

- Green Street – trespassing
- Green Street – suspicious person
- Front Street – breaking and entering/past
- Front Street – trespassing
- Hill Street – animal complaint
- Mill Street – vandalism/past
- Front Street – vandalism/past.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 10 through March 16, 2002:

- Driscoll Lane – disturbance/loud music
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious activity
- Acushnet Road – vandalism to mailbox
- Fairhaven Road – found mailbox
- North Street – vandalism to mailbox
- Crystal Spring Road – vandalism to mailbox
- Beechwood Drive – harassing phone calls
- Fairhaven Road – disturbance
- Fairhaven Road – lost property
- Tallman Street – low-hanging wire
- Hi-On-A-Hill Road – stray dog
- Ned's Point Road – larceny of a boat
- North Street – stolen campaign sign
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Prospect Road – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- Marion Road – returned property
- County Road – returned property
- Converse Road – mutual aid
- Water Street – loose dog
- Long Plain Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Industrial Drive – suspicious activity/motor vehicle
- County Road – larceny
- Island View Avenue – suspicious activity
- Brandt Island Road – barking dog complaint
- Fairhaven Road – possible attempted breaking and entering
- Ned's Point Road – vehicle stuck in sand
- Industrial Drive – vandalism to grass

- Marion Road – adult arrest (drug offenses: 3)
- North Street – lost dog reported
- Acushnet Road – destruction of property
- Fairhaven Road – returned property to boat works
- Old Slough Road – domestic abuse
- Fairhaven Road – small child in roadway.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of March 12 through March 17, 2002:

- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Neck Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – road hazard
- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (operating with suspended license)
- Snipatuit Road – breaking and entering
- Mattapoisett Road – breaking and entering into motor vehicle
- Clapp Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Neck Road – vandalism
- Bishop Road – vandalism
- Mendall Road – vandalism
- Center Bakery – escort requested
- New Bedford Road – missing campaign signs reported
- Cushman Road – animal complaint
- Cushman Road – highway matter
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Pine Street – motor vehicle accident
- Walnut Plain Road – suspicious activity
- Route 28 – adult arrest (warrant)
- Braley Hill Road – suspicious person
- Hiller Road – health and welfare check
- Stuart Road – animal control matter
- Marion Road – vandalism.

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Mattapoisett Local Scholarships

Mattapoisett Local Scholarships made possible through generous donations of taxpayers under MGL Chapter 60 will be awarded for 2002. Applications are now available in high school guidance offices as follows: Bishop Stang High School, Guidance Office; Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Guidance Office; Old Rochester Regional High School, Guidance Office; Tabor Academy, College Placement Office. Appli-

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From the onset of this campaign, my focus has been to clarify the position of Town Clerk and to articulate its role in town governance. The Town Clerk's job is a complex one that requires organization, attention to detail, professionalism and accountability. A missed deadline or failure to advertise properly could adversely affect the town and undo months of work by a board or commission. The Town Clerk must review all bylaw changes, author motions for the town meeting and prepare the moderator and finance committee to present the warrant articles at town meeting.

The "clerk" designation is very misleading. While the office staff are also "clerks", the Town Clerk is an elected department head. There are many facets to the position of Town Clerk – only one of which is providing counter service, such as issuing dog licenses and boat stickers, voter registration, and recording vital statistics. These duties are very visible to the public and

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are important to the function of any town, but are only one aspect of the job. A town clerk is a **legislative administrator**, a **department head** with budgeting and staffing responsibilities, a **recording secretary**, a **records manager**, an **elections officer**, an **author of official town records**, a **public relations officer** and a conduit of information for residents on local issues and events.

The Town Clerk should be a pivotal position in town government. There's no substitute for experience – and I have on-the-job business experience as an office administrator, a property manager and an account executive for a public relations firm. I have legislative experience as an elected official and a community leader. The search committee recognized the benefits of putting a business professional in the position of temporary Town Clerk. I have made significant improvements in my short tenure. My hope is that you will compare the qualifications of the candidates to the requirements of the position and **VOTE MCCULLOUGH for TOWN CLERK on April 2, 2002** at the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, visit my website at **www.rebeccamccullough.org** or call me at 758-1326.

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24 Electrical inventor
25 Shortly
26 European capital
27 Part of Indonesia
29 Flat hat
30 It's good in a pinch
31 Adequate
34 "Picnic" playwright
37 '68 Tom Jones hit
39 President whose first language wasn't English
45 Aight
46 Out — limb
47 Debut recording
48 Shake — (hurry)
50 Trunk

- 53 Black and white delight
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61 Musical sensitivity
62 Inventor
64 Climb
65 Art deco designer
66 Writer
67 Bug barriers
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72 TV's "Search"
73 Actress
74 Couple
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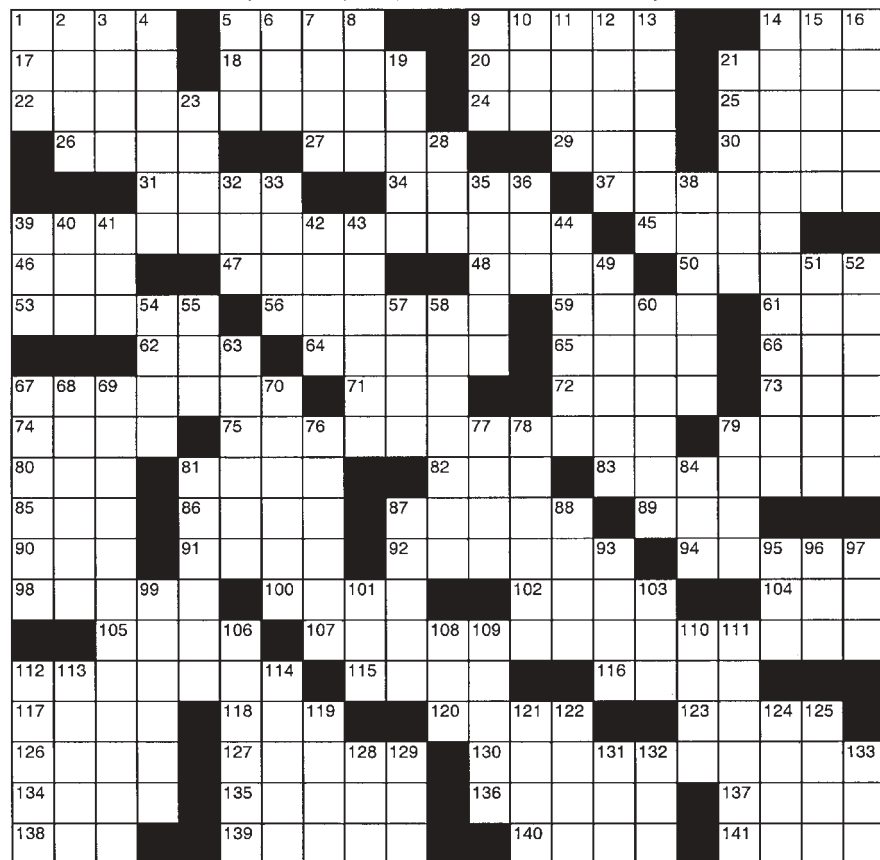
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104 Mellow
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107 President born on July 4th
112 Apple variety
115 Smile
116 "Entre —"
117 In the thick of
118 Insert dialogue
120 "Shane" star
123 Binchy's "Road"
126 Prepare to fly
127 Sheer fear
130 President who was a fighter pilot
134 Jogger's gait
135 Rent
136 Tropical tree
137 Singer
138 Offense
139 A la King?
140 Soho streetcar
141 "— on Me" ('72 hit)

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2 Bread spread
3 Pretension
4 Fanatic
5 Word with hat or hand
6 Brit. fliers
7 Social climber
8 Creole veggie
9 Ample abdomen
10 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
11 Take five
12 Tuna concoction
13 Pottery protection
14 President who worked as a life-guard
15 "— Gay"
16 Fractional amount
19 Improvise
21 Vegas place
23 Valhalla villain
28 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
32 Link letters?
33 Monsieur Montand
35 Prepare the Parmesan
36 Sushi candidate
38 Foam

- 39 Lave the linoleum
40 Santa —, CA
41 Hightailed it
42 Grandpa McCoy
43 Sarge, e.g.
44 Most recent
49 Elastic band
51 Adage
52 Elaborate
54 Forest beauty
55 Kensington quaff
57 Not any
58 College member
60 Rubber-necked
63 Harm
67 Pasta shape
68 London's location
69 President portrayed in an opera
70 It's on the house
76 Occult
77 — -de-camp
78 Start again
79 Uruguayan
81 Running plays
84 Delivery truck
87 Trite
88 Artist
93 High time?

- 95 Spoiled
96 Quiche ingredient
97 Poe's "Annabel —"
99 Recognition
101 Zipper part
103 Jack of "Barney Miller"
106 Act like a duck
108 Kilmer or Bisoglio
109 Persona
110 Serenade accompaniment
111 Actress
112 The Rolling Stones' Charlie
113 Japanese porcelain
114 Blender setting
119 Grumpy guy
121 Obligation
122 "Stage —" ('37 film)
124 Impolite
125 Kuwait's continent
128 "— live and breathe!"
129 Singer Joey
131 Genetic letters
132 Room for improvement?
133 Female fowl



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to reassess important relationships, both personal and professional, to see where problems might exist and how they can be overcome. Keep communication lines open.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not easy to bring order to a chaotic situation, whether it's in the workplace or at home. But if anyone can do it, you can. A pleasant surprise awaits you by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful that you don't make an upcoming decision solely on the word of those who might have their own reasons for wanting you to act as they suggest. Check things out for yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A personal relationship that seems to be going nowhere could be restarted once you know why it stalled. An honest discussion could result in some surprising revelations.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That unexpected attack of self-doubt could be a way of warning yourself to go slow before making a career-changing decision. Take more time to do a closer study of the facts.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A workplace problem needs your attention, now, before it deteriorates to a point beyond repair. A trusted third party could be helpful in closing the gaps that have opened.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent family situation could give rise to a new problem. Keep an open mind and avoid making judgments about anyone's motives until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your always-sharp intuition to alert you to potential problems with someone's attempt to explain away the circumstances behind a puzzling incident.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Although you still need to do some snipping off of those lingering loose ends from a past project, you can begin moving on to something else.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-confidence levels rising, you should feel quite comfortable with agreeing to take on a possibly troublesome, but potentially well-rewarded, situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Travel is favored, both for business and for fun. The end of the week brings news about an upcoming project that could lead toward that promised career change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might feel suddenly overwhelmed by a flood of responsibilities. But if you deal with each one in its turn, you'll soon be able to hold your head above water and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK You have a wonderful way of offering comfort as well as guidance. You would do well in the healing arts.

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cants must be residents of Mattapoisett, 2002 graduating seniors who are going on to post-secondary education. Each high school has established a procedure for completion of applications. High schools will forward completed applications to the Scholarship Committee by April 1, 2002.

Mattapoisett Memorial Scholarships

Applications are now available for the 2002 scholarships from the Mattapoisett Congregational Church office, 27 Church Street, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon, or at the Guidance Offices at ORR High School and Bishop Stang High School.

Applicants must be residents of Mattapoisett, Marion or Rochester, or members of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, and must be high school seniors graduating in June, or previous graduates who have applied for or are re-entering an accredited post-secondary education program. The criteria for choosing recipients are financial need, scholastic achievement, and initiative. The deadline for filing applications is Wednesday, April 10, 2002.

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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at 7:30pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a Special Permit Application filed by William & Eileen Chamberlain, 85 Walnut Plain Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant proposes a back lot subdivision as specified under Section VIII.B.6 of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The subject property is located at 85 Walnut Plain Road and is further identified as Lots 6, 6C & 6D on Assessors Map 8.</p> <p>A copy of said plan is on file at the Rochester Town Hall and may be reviewed during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Bradford Morse, Chairman 03/21, 03/28</p>	<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>#797 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of John & Kathy Keough, 75 Featherbead Lane, who are seeking a variance under section VIII.B for set back requirements and a special permit under section VIII.C.2. to allow the construction of a garage in the front yard area. The public hearing will be held at the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 3/21, 3/28</p>	<p>SPORTS QUIZ By Chris Richcreek</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was the last National League player to win pitching's Triple Crown (led league in ERA, strikeouts and victories)? 2. Name the only four players to have 50-plus homers and 200-plus hits in the same season. 3. Which team holds the current streak of winning season-openers in the NFL? 4. Entering this season, Oscar Robertson was the all-time leading scorer for the University of Cincinnati in men's basketball. Who is No. 2? 5. What team holds the NHL mark for most standings points in a season? 6. Who was the first driver in NASCAR history to win the Busch title and finish in the top 10 in the Winston Cup standings in the same season? 7. What member of the Czech Olympic hockey team in 1948 went on to win a Wimbledon men's singles title? <p>Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets in 1985 (24 victories, 268 strikeouts, 1.53 ERA). 2. Babe Ruth in 1921, Hack Wilson in 1930, Jimmie Foxx in 1932 and Alex Rodriguez in 2001. 3. The Miami Dolphins have won 10 consecutive season-openers. 4. Danny Fortson is second with 1,881 points. Robertson tallied 2,973 points. 5. Montreal had 132 standings points in 1976-77 (60 victories and 12 ties). 6. Kevin Harvick accomplished the feat in 2001. 7. Jaroslav Drobný won Wimbledon in 1954. <p>(c) 2002 King Features Synd., Inc.</p>
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<p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>#796 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Brian Cook, who is seeking a special permit and use variance for a purpose not allowed in the agricultural/residential district under Section VIII.D.6. of Rochester By-laws. Proposed is the operation of a bakery, breakfast restaurant with two apartments on the second floor of property located at 28 Marion Road, Assessor's plan 6 lots 3 and 4. The public hearing will be held at the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 11, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 3/21, 3/28</p>	<p>TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GEOGRAPHY: What is another name for Kiriritmati Island? 2. MYTHOLOGY: What area did the Roman god Pluto represent? 3. COMICS: What was the name of Superman's cat? 4. MUSIC: What does the musical direction "veloce" mean? 5. ANATOMY: Where in the human body is the fibula bone? 6. ART: Where is the Topkapi Palace Museum located? 7. HISTORY: What did the Homestead Act of 1862 do? 8. LITERATURE: What was the nationality of fairy-tale author Hans Christian Andersen? 9. EXPLORERS: What part of the world did Robert Peary explore? 10. PHILOSOPHY: What school of philosophy was Marcus Aurelius associated with? <p>Answers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christmas 2. Underworld 3. Streaky 4. Rapid 5. Leg 6. Istanbul, Turkey 7. Provide free land for settlers 8. Danish 9. Arctic 10. Stoicism <p>(c) 2002 King Features Synd., Inc.</p>	

seniors at the local high schools (both public and private). Applications are now available in the Guidance Offices in each school.

A fifth scholarship is for a woman who will be entering a post-secondary school after a significant period of interruption. Applications for this scholarship may be obtained by calling Florrie Smith at 508-758-2140.

Marion Garden Group

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will be hosting Ruah Donnelly, author of *The Adventurous Gardener: Where to Buy the Best Plants in New England*. The book is a horticultural travel guide of New England, with 150 growers of native, antique and unusual plants profiled. A lecture and discussion will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm at the Music Hall in Marion. The meeting is open to the public and the admission at the door is \$5 per person. For further information, please contact Patricia Petit at 508-748-2136.

Rochester Congregational Church

The community is cordially invited to share in a special Palm Sunday Service at the First Congregational Church of Rochester on Sunday, March 24. The 10:30 am service will feature the choir performing a contemporary cantata, "The Lamb of God," with instrumental accompaniment. Traditional palms will be distributed and a coffee fellowship will follow the service. Join them for a very

inspirational and meaningful hour of worship and praise.

On Thursday, March 28, there will be a Maundy Thursday Service at the First Congregational Church of Rochester. Join them for a meaningful Service of Tennebrae at 7:30 pm. The service of Tennebrae dates from the fifth century church and commemorates Jesus' Last Supper. It includes communion, reading from scripture, and the gradual extinguishing of candles lighting the sanctuary.

On Sunday, March 31, a Special Sunrise Service will be held at 7:00 am on the green in front of the church. Following the Sunrise Service, breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 9:00 am and include a variety of entrees. Donation for the breakfast is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children and just \$10 for families. For those wishing to sleep late, the Church will also hold a traditional Easter Service at its regular Sunday morning worship time of 10:30 am. Pastor Bob Barletta will deliver the message.

The First Congregational Church of Rochester is a friendly, Christ-centered fellowship located in the town center. Church School for all ages is at 9:15 am followed by Sunday Worship led by Interim Pastor Bob Barletta at 10:30 am, with Nursery provided. A time of fellowship follows the Sunday Service. The church is wheelchair-accessible. For more information, please call the church office at 508-763-4314.



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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Town Election

The Annual Town Election will be held on April 2, 2002 at the **Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett**. The polls will be open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Please all the Town Clerk's office if you have any questions at 508-758-4103. (Please note the change in polling place.)

Census

The 2002 Census for the annual street listing was mailed out in mid-January. Massachusetts General Law (Chapter 51, Section 4) requires every city and town to conduct an annual census and it is mandatory that you return it to the Town Clerk's office. If you did not receive one or you can't remember if you mailed it back, please call the Town Clerk's office at 508-758-4103 and they can take the information over the phone. *Please note: the name of any voter who fails to respond to a census mailing is placed on the inactive voters list per Massachusetts General Law (Chapter 51, Section 37).*

Dog Licenses

Dog license renewal forms were also mailed out in January as part of the census mailing. All dogs must be licensed by March 31, 2002 to avoid a late fee. If you did not receive the mailing and have a dog to license, please call the Town Clerk's office and they will mail you a form.

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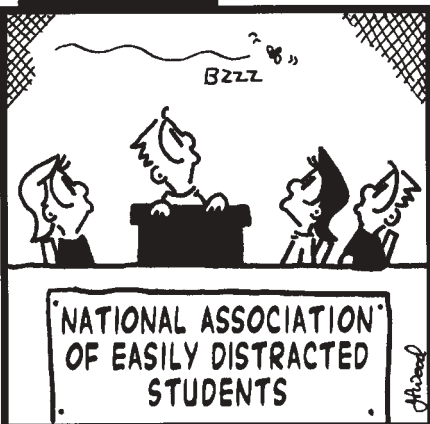
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Easter Bunny in Rochester

The Rochester Lions club will hold a breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 24 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am at the Rochester Grange Hall. Breakfast will be served buffet style with eggs made to order. Cost for the event are \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 12. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for a \$5 donation per family or a \$3 donation per individual child. Please refrain from bringing cameras whereas this is a fundraiser. For further information, please contact Paula Grenier, President, at 508-998-7408. Thank you for your continued support of the Rochester Lions Club.

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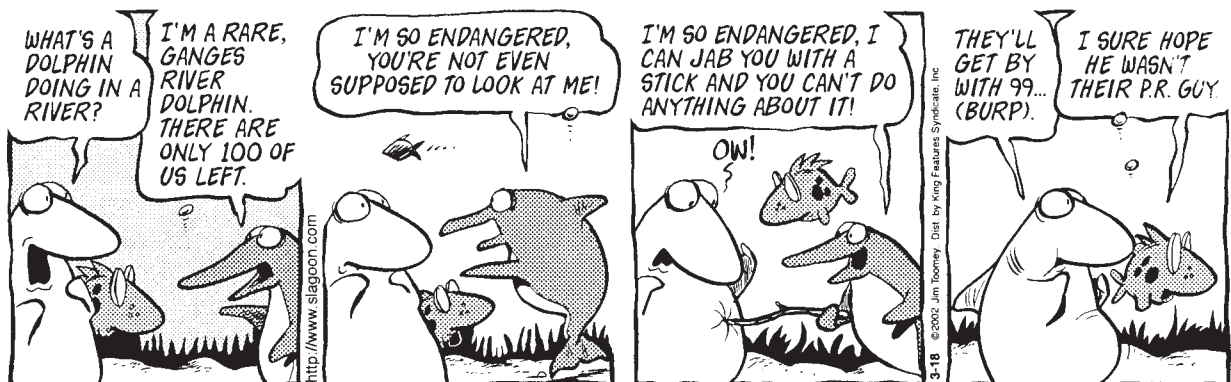
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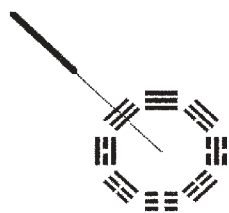
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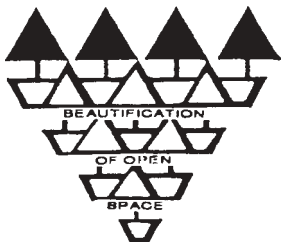
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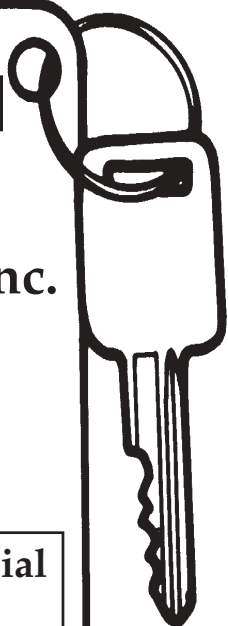
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		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mar. 21:	Thurs.	12:16	12:58	6:02	6:05
Mar. 22:	Fri.	1:14	1:58	7:26	7:16
Mar. 23:	Sat.	2:20	3:05	9:07	8:36
Mar. 24:	Sun.	3:31	4:11	10:10	9:49
Mar. 25:	Mon.	4:39	5:12	11:00	10:52
Mar. 26:	Tues.	5:39	6:06	11:44	11:50
Mar. 27:	Wed.	6:32	6:57	...	12:28
Mar. 28:	Thurs.	7:22	7:46	12:46	1:11
Mar. 29:	Fri.	8:11	8:35	1:39	1:53
Mar. 30:	Sat.	9:00	9:25	2:29	2:35
Mar. 31:	Sun.	9:51	10:16	3:17	3:16
Apr. 1:	Mon.	10:43	11:09	4:04	3:57
Apr. 2:	Tues.	11:38	...	4:54	4:41
Apr. 3:	Wed.	12:06	12:33	5:52	5:31
Apr. 4:	Thurs.	1:03	1:32	7:39	6:37
Apr. 5:	Fri.	2:06	2:35	9:10	8:40
Apr. 6:	Sat.	3:14	3:40	10:02	10:02
Apr. 7:	Sun.	5:18	5:39	11:38	11:46
Phases of the Moon	First Quarter	March 21st			
	Full Moon	March 28th			
	Last Quarter	April 4th			
	New Moon	April 12th			



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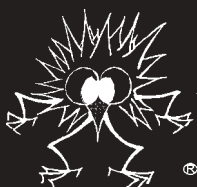
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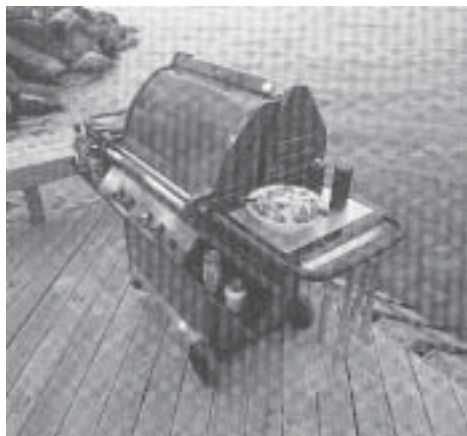
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